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Sirs:

I don't understand... You declare Microsoft to be a monopoly but you leave the same people in charge of the company who have lied and ignored other consent decrees as a regular course of business.

You reward them with lengthy legal entanglements time and time again while they continue to force their products onto consumers who have little in the way of other choices. Finally the Microsoft product becomes a defacto standard, even though a bad one, and the argument is mute.

This is the time to punish the truly guilty and to demand that part of the settlement be an ousting of Gates and Balmer from any and all management or oversight of the Microsoft corporation. A little jail time wouldn't hurt these "robber barons", either.

In this time of economic downturn, the DOJ has an opportunity to step up and do its part to eliminate the biggest obstacle to the computer industry. Remember, the telephone system never got very far away from the original Bell box until the monopoly was broken up and the industry got to breathe clean fresh air, once again.

You could also start by not allowing M\$ to sell ANYTHING to the federal government for a period of ten years. Our nation's security would additionally be better served by a migration away from an operating system that draws the most attacks and toward a system that affords REAL security and not what M\$ pretends is security.

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